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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief, Administration and Logistics

FROM: Legal Advisor

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

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1. In the case against [redacted] we worked during the past week with the driver of the government vehicle, the insurance investigators, the CID investigator, and the [redacted]

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lawyer representing us. The testimony of our driver and the CID investigator are now ready for introduction in evidence. The hearing on our evidence will take place February 3, 1955, and the Legal Advisor will accompany these witnesses and the

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[redacted] attorney to the court on that day. It will probably still be a matter of several months before a decision is reached in this case. Three judges sit on the panel, but evidence is heard by only one at a time. The evidence of the witnesses is reduced to writing immediately after the hearing and a

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transcript is handed to the two judges who are not present.

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2. Mr. [redacted] Chief, [redacted] was in our office during the past week and as a result of those discussions we are preparing a draft form of a new contract for the principal agent in

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[redacted] It is proposed through this contract to try to control the future usage of copyrights and trade marks recently obtained on the publications by the principal agent. After preparation of the draft, the Legal Officer will go to BOB to be available while the case officer is carrying on the negotiations.

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3. In the appeal of the prosecution against [redacted] the Legal Officer prepared a supplemental brief on the question of the reduction of sentence. Apparently two of the judges at least are intent upon reducing the sentence to approximately 3-5 years. We sent a copy of this brief to the Office of General Counsel 17 January, but when it was filed on 18 January, we decided to delete one paragraph commencing on page 6 referring to a Saturday Evening Post article. We discussed the case with one of the judges, but not in such a manner as to indicate any intention of influencing his judgment. The comments at that time, however, indicated that at least he and one other judge

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would favor a rather drastic reduction. The consensus of the court seems to be that since he used such a crude code system and tin can dead drop, he was probably not a particularly high-ranking agent. A decision is expected around the middle of February.

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4. In the case of ▉▉▉▉▉, the former FOB agent against whom an assessment was filed by the ▉▉▉▉▉ tax authorities, we have received full information from ▉▉ and forwarded it to ▉▉▉▉. We await the action of the Office of General Counsel, ▉▉▉▉ as promised at the time of the Legal Officer's last conference there.

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5. In the case of the mortgage on ▉▉▉▉▉▉▉▉ project, the ▉▉▉▉▉ previously paid into our account as re-payment has now been licensed by the ▉▉▉▉▉▉▉. Of this sum, ▉▉▉▉▉ has been withdrawn and repaid to the finance section, leaving a balance of ▉▉▉▉▉ to keep the account open. The additional sum of ▉▉▉▉▉ has been paid into the ▉▉▉▉ lawyer's trust account. Our application for license for the release of this money has been filed, but the license is not yet received. As soon as it is received the money will be forwarded to our account in ▉▉▉▉▉ from which we shall withdraw it and turn it into the ▉▉▉▉ finance office. During the year 1954, ▉▉▉▉▉▉▉ has completed payment of the ▉▉▉▉▉ previously advanced to him for the purchase of steel and repaid a total of ▉▉▉▉▉ on his mortgages. Of his original indebtedness of ▉▉▉▉▉▉▉▉ still remains due between now and 1962. We have reported the status of these mortgages to Washington.

6. The ▉▉▉▉▉ income and corporation tax laws were recently amended and extensively revised. ▉▉▉▉▉ has prepared a complete review and resume of the status of these statutes and as soon as these are in the form of a completed brief in English, it will be forwarded to the Office of General Counsel.

7. During the past week we have also consulted with ▉▉▉▉▉ regarding a divorce presently being obtained for one of their people so that he may be emigrated. Since service is being obtained in the divorce case by publication, this case will probably not be terminated for another 3-4 months.

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